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A belated Happy Thanksgiving Day to our Canadian subscribers and Happy Columbus Day to our American friends.

Time continues to slip by much too quickly. I apologize for the late distribution of this month's edition. Hopefully it is worth the wait!

In addition to this month's interesting web sites, I'm providing you with information on a number of annual publications which have their new editions being released this month. I'll have special pricing and ordering information on these popular publications listed throughout this month's edition in the various Radio H.F. Publicity Zones.

The Monthly Special Zone will have some material on Hallowe'en, a fun event for all members of the family.

THE MONTHLY SURVEY

71 responses to last month's survey question is definitely a record turnout. Let's hope we can keep that number rising with this month's survey.

Last month's question dealt with television, asking "Which method do you use to receive your television programming?" Here are the responses:

a) Internal or external antenna -- 14 people
b) Cable, analog or digital -- 33 people
c) Satellite dish and receiver -- 22 people
d) Other (Look TV-microwave link) -- 1 person
e) I don't have a television -- 1 person

Particularly here in Canada, the number of satellite subscribers is on the rise. Here in the Montreal region, the major cable TV company is in the midst of a very lengthy labour dispute, resulting in many people giving up on them and going to satellite.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's focus on your spare time this month (if you have any, of course!). Traditional pastimes or hobbies such as stamp or coin collecting, various sports, fishing, hiking, bird watching, gardening, photography, etc. are being replaced by things such as Internet surfing, geocaching, video games, etc. Let's see what interests our subscribers. This month's question:

What is your favourite pastime or hobby? (Please choose the ONE you spend the most time with.)

Please send along your response by e-mail to hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

James Hanneman, Montreal, Quebec: Thank you for all the work you put into your newsletter, I always enjoy browsing though it when pops up in my inbox. Best regards,

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thanks to our group of 15 contributors this month. If you have a favourite web page or if you come across an interesting site that you think would be of interest to our subscribers, please send it along to:

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

HALLOWEEN ONLINE

http://www.halloween-online.com/

The Internet's largest Halloween resource with games, news, music, projects, web cams, scary stories, etc.

HALLOWEEN.COM

http://www.halloween.com/

Check out vampires, witches, werewolves, haunted houses, scary tales and lots more for the holiday.

HALLOWEEN AND THE DAY OF THE DEAD

http://www.waterboro.lib.me.us/hallo.htm

An excellent collection of links to Halloween related sites, including some anti-Halloween links. Check out Halloween and Day of the Dead: History and Facts, Celebrating Halloween and Day of the Dead: Food, Crafts, Symbols, Customs; Anti-Halloween Resources & Halloween and Day of the Dead: Curricula
Some pretty bizarre stuff

JACK O LANTERN

http://www.jack-o-lantern.com/index2.html

Welcome to the most comprehensive home of Jack-O-Lantern history, techniques, tools, free patterns and information on the World Wide Web. Jack-O-Lantern.com will help you create your own "spooktacular" versions of Halloween's most famous icon.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

THE 2003 A.R.R.L. HANDBOOK -- 80th Edition

The most respected communications resource for hams, engineers and technicians since 1926. Inside this comprehensive RF Engineering Reference you'll find:

Fundamental Theory
Practical Design and Projects
Construction Techniques
Operating Practices
Wireless Technology (pagers, cell phones...)
and more!

Always revised! The 2003 edition includes:
An updated and comprehensive chapter on Modulation Sources including digital voice! A revised and comprehensive chapter on Digital Signal Processing (DSP) technology. A new high-power, automatic EZ-Tuner project by W8ZR. An "Ugly Transformer" project for high current, 120-V ac stations. A revised chapter on Safety Practices. A completely updated Handbook Address List in the References chapter.

The book is available in three formats: Soft cover book, limited edition Hard Cover book, or on CD-Rom.

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THE RADIO ZONE

100,000 WATTS

http://100kwatts.tmi.net/

VIA Ricky Leong, Brossard, Quebec

This US radio and TV directory claims to be the most accurate place for radio and TV information in the US. 18,751 stations are tracked and listed. Huge database, continuously updated, of radio and television stations in the United States (plus some bordering Canadian and Mexican stations). Close to twenty thousand entries. Locate a station by location or format; find out what stations have signed off or on, or changed formats or owners. Search by call letters, geographic area, channels, frequencies, affiliation, and more; browse by state or geographic region. The FAQ spells out the numerous abbreviations.

THE RADIO NEWS SITE

http://www.radionewssite.com/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is the website dedicated to the heritage of radio news, and to the women and men who bring you the world via the radio. If you are a radio news professional, this is the website dedicated to perfecting your craft, to finding solutions to vexing industry problems, and to communicating with your colleagues around the country. Big market or small, local or network, veteran or beginner, if you are a radio news professional who still believes in the quality of your work, this is the website for you.

DIRTY SECRETS OF INTERNET RADIO

http://www.techtv.com/callforhelp/catsclicks/story/0,24330,3360114,00.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

From TechTV's Call for Help web page, this report should help you out with the basics of listening to radio via the Internet.

PHIL'S PAGE OF VINTAGE RADIOS AND ELECTRONIC TEST EQUIPMENT

http://www.vaxxine.com/phil/

VIA Robert Paknys, Montreal, Quebec

A collection of radios and electronic test equipment made during the vacuum tube era.

CANADIAN AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

http://www.canairradio.com/

VIA Fred van Driel, Calgary, Alberta

Welcome aboard the Canadian Aeronautical Communications Web site. My name is Peter Ivakitsch of Toronto, Canada. I've compiled what I believe to be one of the most comprehensive resources for aviation frequency information Canada wide. VHF & UHF frequencies make up the majority of content on this site, however I know what it's like for first time listeners. For this purpose I've created a number of pages that can be found under the heading of "Air Traffic Control Services" that begin with an introduction outlining the who, what, where, and when's of monitoring aeronautical communications. Several additional pages further explain the various functions of air traffic control. Cheers and many happy landings.

LIVE RAILROAD RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

http://www.railroadradio.net/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

An excellent site for railroad buffs. This site contains audio links, discussion groups, news, announcements and more.

PENTA MARINE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

http://www.pentacomstat.com.au/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

The web page of an Australian private HF radio communication service for yachts and pleasure craft. Penta Comstat VZX is the station identification and callsign.

PAUL HARVEY

http://www.paulharvey.com/index.shtml

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

No, no relation to me, unfortunately. Paul Harvey is one of the best known voices on U.S. commercial radio. This web site gives you info on where and when to hear Paul Harvey, plus features this famous broadcaster's biography. The site also offers up the latest news.

THE PEABODY AWARDS

http://www.peabody.uga.edu/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The George Foster Peabody Awards were established in 1938 and first awarded in 1941 for radio programs broadcast in 1940. The awards recognize distinguished achievement and meritorious service by radio and television networks, stations, producing organizations, cable television organizations and individuals. They perpetuate the memory of the banker-philanthropist whose name they bear. The awards program is administered by the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia. Selection is made by the Peabody Board following review by special screening committees of faculty, students and staff.

THE GABBY CABBY

http://gabby.com/

VIA Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec

The Gabby Cabby is a New York City Cabdriver who broadcasts news about New York City to over 300,000,000 listeners in 71 countries around the world.

SPAM RADIO

http://www.spamradio.com/

VIA Bob Margolis, Chicago, Illinois

Spam Radio is serving up delicious helpings of spam each hour of every day to all who are hungry. Using a complex arrangement of pipes and funnels we turn the junk mail that we receive into a streaming audio broadcast that can be enjoyed from anywhere on the Internet.

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THE 2003 PASSPORT TO WORLD BAND RADIO

The number one selling reference book for avid shortwave listeners, Passport to World Band Radio, is now available for shipping. This popular resource is filled with shortwave equipment evaluations, programming information, station contact information, including mailing and e-mail addresses and web sites, plus listings of English language broadcasts on shortwave, and the popular "Blue Pages" listing shortwave broadcast stations worldwide by frequency, time, target areas and language, in an easy to use graph format.

You can order this book from Radio H.F. at the following special prices to Radio H.F. clients:

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THE GENERAL ZONE

GOOGLE NEWS

http://news.google.com/

VIA Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta

The Google search engine has a new Beta version of a news service on line. It incorporates reports from many of the world's most respected news services, including some shortwave radio services.

DESIGN NOTES

http://www.designnotes.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

The only Free Interactive Site on the web for Electronic Design Engineers, Programmers and Enthusiasts to Share, Earn and Learn.

THE MAPLE LEAF LEGACY PROJECT

http://www.mllp.demon.co.uk/

VIA Bill Westenhaver, Montreal, Quebec

The aim of the Maple Leaf Legacy Project is to photograph or obtain a photograph of every Canadian War Grave of the 20th Century. These photos will be made freely available on the project's web site. Most of the families and friends of Canada's war dead have

never visited and will never visit the graves of the fallen due to the distances and expenses involved. We cannot bring their bodies home for burial but we can bring photos of the graves into the homes of all Canadians. In doing so we will create a virtual Canadian National War Cemetery. In digital format this archive should be a permanent addition to the National Archives of Canada and a permanent photographic inventory of Canada's War Graves for generations to come. The Maple Leaf Legacy Project currently has no official status with the Government of Canada or any of it's departments/agencies. It is a private endeavour but is working toward official recognition. The project relies solely on the kind assistance of the hundreds of volunteers and sponsors around the world to get the photographs or to donate funds to help pay for the good work of the project.

1000 JOURNALS

http://www.1000journals.com/

VIA Bob Margolis, Chicago, Illinois

The1000 journal project is an independent, privately funded social experiment. It is an attempt to follow 1000 journals throughout their travels, to see where they go, and what people do with them.

EARTH OBSERVATORY -- NATURAL HAZARDS

http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/NaturalHazards/

VIA Rachel Baughn, Brasstown, North Carolina

Earth scientists around the world use NASA satellite imagery to better understand the causes and effects of natural hazards. The goal in sharing these images is to help people visualize where and when natural hazards occur, and to help mitigate their effects. Hazards include dust & smoke, fires, floods, severe storms, volcanoes and more.

BLAST MAPPER

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/bomb/sfeature/mapablast.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Would you survive a nuclear blast? Nuclear Blast Mapper will show you how terribly destructive thermonuclear weapons are. Just fill out the questionnaire, then hit the "Detonate" button.

THE DEGREE CONFLUENCE PROJECT

http://www.confluence.org/index.php

VIA Larry Dolan, Pierrefonds, Quebec

The goal of the project is to visit each of the latitude and longitude integer degree intersections in the world, and to take pictures at each location. The pictures and stories will then be posted here.

WHITE SANDS TEST FACILITY

http://www.wstf.nasa.gov/

VIA Richard Sim, Goose Bay, Labrador & Newfoundland

A preeminent resource for testing and evaluating potentially hazardous materials, space flight components, and rocket propulsion systems. These services are available to NASA, the Department of Defense, other federal agencies, universities, and commercial industry

TRAVEL BY ROAD

http://www.travelbyroad.net/

VIA Bob Watson, Lery, Quebec

RV trip planning made easy. If you like to travel by road, this site will give you a number of tools to help you plan.

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THE 23RD EDITION OF THE NATIONAL RADIO CLUB'S AM RADIO LOG

The most accurate and comprehensive guide to American and Canadian medium wave (AM) stations available. Organized by frequency, with call sign, city and state/province cross references. Addresses and phone numbers for all stations plus formats, network affiliation, day/night power and antenna pattern type are also listed. The book is printed on separate 3-hole punched sheets, easily inserted in a standard 3 ring binder. A must for every medium wave DX'er.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

NEWZOID

http://www.newzoid.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Cutting and pasting liberally from current headlines submitted by users, this site's robotic mind creates news items out of a fever dream. You'll see the patently false, but nevertheless intriguing items such as "Mullah Omar Makes Feature Film Directorial Debut" or "Sword-Wielding Bandit To Leave Frankfurt Ballet." The headlines created are limitless and ever-changing. Cast a vote for your favorites, or rummage through the previous day's gems. Stripping the headlines of their original meaning and creating a mash of unrelated events, this site will leave you giggling with glee.

TV ACRES

http://www.tvacres.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

The Web's ultimate subject guide to television program facts and trivia from the 1940's to present day

eBAUM'S WORLD

www.ebaumsworld.com

VIA Janice Laws, Dorval, Quebec

Experience the personal collection of images, hilarious movies, Flash, prank phone calls, jokes, and anything else eBaum thinks is entertaining or amusing. Everything here is guaranteed to be hilarious. Cool games, funny video's and really cool celebrity sound boards...hilarious multi media, etc.

INSULTINGLY STUPID MOVIE PHYSICS

http://www.intuitor.com/moviephysics/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Appalled by the fuzzy science rampant in today's movies, the critical smarty pants behind this site aren't afraid to stand up and educate Hollywood moviemakers. Comprised of scientists and average Joe brainiacs, these critics have come up with a special rating system to catalog physics gaffes: GP=Good Physics, PGP=Pretty good physics, RP=Retch, and XP=Physics from an unknown universe. Their reviews carefully explain why a movie sucked or didn't suck, scientifically speaking, of course.

ZAMBONI.COM

http://www.zamboni.com/

VIA Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec

Seeing as hockey season has just got under way again, fans of the game will enjoy this site dedicated to the machine that circles the rinks, resurfacing the ice. If you don't know what hockey is, please bear with us!

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CQ AMATEUR RADIO CALENDAR

The new 15-month calendar (2003/2004), features spectacular images of some of the biggest, most photogenic Amateur Radio shacks, antennas, scenics, and well-known Amateur Radio personalities. Calendar detail includes dates of important ham radio events such as major contests and other operating activities, phases of the moon (and perigees/apogees), meteor showers, and holidays.

CQ CLASSIC KEYS CALENDAR

15-month calendar (2003/2004), features magnificent photos of some of the most memory-jogging keys that so many of us treasure or used years ago. Calendar detail includes dates of important ham radio events such as major contests and other operating activities, phases of the moon (and perigees/apogees), meteor showers, and holidays.

You can order either of these calendars from Radio H.F. at the following special prices to Radio H.F. clients:

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

NOTE: All times quoted are local.

Saturday, October 26 South Shore Amateur Radio Club Hamfest -- Longueuil, Quebec
Location: Place Desaulniers, 1023 Taschereau Blvd., Longueuil, Quebec
Vendors: 6 AM; Public: 9 AM
Talk-in: 145.390 (-)
Information: Georges Grenon, 450-922-8352
E-mail: ve2clm@amsat.org
Web Page: http://www.cam.org/~ve2clm/hamfest.htm
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, October 26 Calgary and Area Fleamarket, Calgary, Alberta.
Location: Eastside City Church, 1320 Abbeydale Dr. NW. east end of Memorial Dr.
Vendors: 7:30 AM; Public 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Admission: public $2.00, tables $10.00.
Information/reservations: Tim Thompson VE6BZ

403-283-1939 (voice or fax), e-mail ve6bz@rac.ca.

Saturday, November 2 26th Annual York Region Hamfest - Markham, Ontario
Location: Markham Fairgrounds, McCowan Road at Elgin Mills Road East
Vendors: 6:30 AM; Public: 9:00 AM
Vendor Tables - see http://www.yrarc.on.ca/regform.htm for more information.
Talk-in: VE3YRA 145.350 (-)
Information: The York Region Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 28590, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6S6
Web Page: http://www.yrarc.on.ca/fallfest.htm

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The complete ARRL, RSGB, Radio Amateurs of Canada, Radio Amateurs du Quebec Inc. catalogs, and hundreds of other specialty radio communications publications, CD Roms and softwares are available from Radio H.F. A completely new and updated book catalog can be viewed by going to the Radio H.F. web site at http://www.total.net/~radiohf, under publications, or go directly to the catalog at: http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/Cat2002Jan.html

Details of new ARRL and RSGB publications can be found on the ARRL web site at: http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?category=What%27s+New

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, nets and radio broadcasts which I either operate, present or am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, celebrating our 40th anniversary this year. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our October 2002 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). Celebrating 15 years on the air in November, I, and co-host Bill Westenhaver, present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may also listen to the International Radio Report when you like. Archived editions of the programme have been posted on the web, thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec. Please check:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

THE MONTREAL DX LISTENERS NET

Sunday evenings, on the West Island Amateur Radio Club Repeater, 146.910 MHz., following the swap net at 8 PM Eastern, tune in for the Montreal DX Listeners Net, featuring news about all aspects of radio; shortwave, AM/FM, utilities, scanning, amateur radio. Included are listening tips, developments in broadcasting, reception reports, HF and scanner frequency information, special topics, questions and comments. This net is in its 9th year, and has had close to 500 different participants during this period. The net is operated by Sheldon Harvey, VE2SHW. Please feel free to participate. The Swap Net begins at 8 PM, followed by a calendar of events including upcoming hamfests, amateur radio contests and special events amateur stations, plus a list of local events and meetings. The DX Net usually begins around 8:20 to 8:30 PM Eastern, and runs to approximately 10 PM.

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster, Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the Radio Canada International web site. When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

http://www.rcinet.ca

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